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SUBJECT: AMERICAN PRISONERS
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At the US Intelligence Board (USIB) meeting this morning, Acting Chairman General Carter called attention to Attorney Donovan's attempts to secure the release of Americans who are being held prisoners by Castro, and the fact that Castro has refused to release other than the two women prisoners because he claims he has not received the drugs and supplies which this country promised in exchange for the Cuban invasion prisoners released some months ago.

Carter said that a check had been made as to the truth of Castro's statement, and it had been determined that only about 50% of the promised supplies and drugs had been delivered to Castro; that the delay was attributable to two factors, namely the shipping strike, and the fact that no one person or agency in government was responsible for pushing the delivery of these supplies. Carter stated that the Attorney General was very exercised over this delay and so was Director McCone of CIA. He said that arrangements have been made to make shipping available to get the remainder of these supplies over to Cuba.

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